

Indicators of a Possible Biological Incident

Unusual Numbers of Sick or Dying People or Animals

Any number of symptoms may occur. As a first responder, strong consideration should be given to calling local hospitals to see if additional casualties with similar symptoms have been observed. Casualties may occur hours to days to weeks after an incident has occurred. The time required before symptoms are observed is dependent on the agent used and the dose received. Additional symptoms likely to occur include unexplained gastrointestinal illnesses and upper respiratory problems similar to flu/colds.

Unscheduled and Unusual Spray Being Disseminated

Especially if outdoors during periods of darkness.

Abandoned Spray Devices

Devices will have no distinct odors.

Placards Associated with Biological Incidents

Infectious Substances

